

REMARKS

Claims 7-17, 23, 25, 35-43, and 45-46 have been allowed.

Claims 5 and 6 have been objected to. Claim 49 has been added by this amendment. It includes all the limitations of claim 5. As such, it is now directed to allowable subject matter. Additionally, claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 49. It is, therefore, also directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 24 and 26 have been amended to eliminate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 24 and 26 depend from allowed independent claim 7. As such, these claims are also directed to allowable subject matter.

Additionally, claims 27 and 28 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 7. These claims are also, thus, directed to allowable subject matter.

The remaining claims in the application, claims 1-5, 18-22, 29-34, 44, and 47-48, they have been cancelled by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (510) 663-1100.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account number 50-388 (Order No. IDTXP040).

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Respectfully submitted,
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